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Box No. I Basis of the report

- With regard to the language, this report is based on:

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a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))

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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1 - 28</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	_____	YES
	Claims	<u>1 - 28</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1 - 28</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The purpose of the invention is to improve a foldable handheld electronic device.

The following documents were cited in the International Search Report:

D1: EP 1335567 A1
 D2: US 20030210440 A1
 D3: US 6549789 B1
 D4: US 6650547 B2
 D5: US 20020044425 A1
 D6: US 20030036365 A1

Document D1 (column 2, line 34 - column 7, line 59, figures 1 - 4, abstract) discloses a mobile terminal casing formed of two bodies (2, 3) pivotally connected by a double axis (6, 7) hinge joint. One of the bodies (2, 3) has a display (11) and the other has a keypad (8).

Document D2 (chapters 0048 - 0050, 0055 and 0212, figures 1, 6 - 7) discloses a personal digital assistant (PDA) or a portable telephone (chapter 0212) having a display (11) mounted for pivotal opening and closing motion around a first axis (12-1) of a hinge (12) with respect to a body (13). The display (11) is mounted for further pivotal motion around a second axis (11-6) substantially perpendicular to the first axis (12-1). A camera (22) is disposed for turning motion at a position of the hinge (12).

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Document D3 (column 4, line 33 - column 6, line 11, figures 2 - 11, abstract) discloses a handheld electronic device, such as a cellular radiotelephone, having a housing formed of two housing portions (202, 204) pivotally connected by a swivel hinge (214) that allows the two housing portions to rotate about a first axis (302) and a second axis (304) perpendicular to the first axis (302).

Document D4 (column 1, line 1 - column 6, line 56, figures 1 - 9, abstract) discloses a portable cellular phone, having a manipulation module (1) and a display module (2) that are rotatably mounted about two axes (9a, 9b) which are orthogonal to each other by way of a support body (10).

Document D5 (chapters 0001 - 0050, figures 1 - 7, abstract) discloses a foldable portable communication device having a hinge (36) and camera arm (18) that is rotatable about an axis that is orthogonal to the axis (C) of the hinge (36).

Document D6 (chapter 0005, figures 1 - 3) discloses a foldable portable mobile phone having a hinge (76) and a camera (77) that is rotatable about an axis that is orthogonal to the axis of the hinge (76).

The invention claimed in claims 1, 18 - 20 and 27 differs from what is known from document D1, the closest prior art, essentially in that one of the bodies is connected for rotation around a third axis which is perpendicular to the double axis.

The technical problem is how to improve the mobile terminal.

However, a similar technique is known in the same technical field from each of documents D2, D3 or D4 (below). It would be obvious to a person skilled in the art to use this technique in the mobile terminal of document D1, especially considering no unexpected technical effect is obtained. Therefore, the invention claimed in claims 1, 18 - 20 and 27 is novel but lacks an inventive step. The invention claimed in claims 1, 18 - 20 and 27 fulfills the requirement of industrial applicability.

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Document D2 (chapters 0048 - 0050, 0055 and 0212, figures 1, 6 - 7) discloses a handheld electronic device (personal digital assistant, PDA, or portable telephone, see chapter 0212) having a hinge (12), a first rotatable body member (13) with a keypad (34), and a second rotatable body member (11) with a view screen (28). The second rotatable body member (11) is rotatable around two perpendicular axes (11-6, 12-1) relative the first rotatable body member (13). A camera (22) is disposed for turning motion around a first axis (12-1) relative the first rotatable body member (13).

The invention claimed in claim 28 differs from what is known from document D2, the closest prior art, essentially in that the camera (third rotatable body member) is rotatable relative the first rotatable body member around a second axis that is perpendicular to the first axis.

The technical problem is how to increase the possible directions for directing the camera.

However, it is common general knowledge to direct a camera by the use of pivoting means for turning the camera around two perpendicular axes.

Considering no unexpected technical effect is obtained, it would be obvious to a person skilled in the art to use this knowledge to modify the device of document D2, thereby arriving at a device having all the essential features of claim 28. Therefore, the invention claimed in claim 28 is novel but lacks an inventive step. The invention claimed in claim 28 fulfills the requirement of industrial applicability.

In claims 2 - 17 and 21 - 26 slight constructional variations are suggested that are obvious to a person skilled in the art, especially considering what is known from documents D1 - D6 and well known from similar art. Therefore, the invention claimed in claims 2 - 17 and 21 - 26 is novel but lacks an inventive step. The invention claimed in claims 2 - 17 and 21 - 26 fulfills the requirement of industrial applicability.

To sum up, the invention claimed in claims 1 - 28 is novel but lacks an inventive step. The invention claimed in claims 1 - 28 fulfills the requirement of industrial applicability.

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Summary of the Invention

An aim of the embodiments described hereinafter is to solve the problems outlined above.

According to the present invention there is provided a handheld electronic device hinge for mechanically connecting first and second rotatable body members of a handheld electronic device, said hinge comprising a first bracket and a second bracket, wherein said first bracket comprises: a first connecting member for connecting to the first rotatable body member of the handheld electronic device for rotation around a first axis; and a second connecting member connected to the second bracket for rotation of said second bracket around a second axis, said first and second axes being parallel to each other, and wherein said second bracket comprises a third connecting member for connecting to the second rotatable body member of the handheld electronic device for rotation around a third axis, said third axis being perpendicular to said first and second axes.

According to another aspect of the present invention there is provided a handheld electronic device comprising a first rotatable body member, a second rotatable body member and a handheld electronic device hinge as described herein, said handheld electronic device hinge connecting said first rotatable body member and said second rotatable body member.

According to another aspect of the present invention there is provided a handheld electronic device comprising a first rotatable body member, a second rotatable body member, a third rotatable body member and a handheld electronic device hinge, said handheld electronic device hinge being disposed between said first, second and third rotatable body members whereby said first, second and third rotatable body members are rotatable relative to each other wherein said first rotatable body member comprises a keypad, said second rotatable body member comprises a view screen and said third rotatable body member comprises a camera wherein said second rotatable body member is rotatable around two perpendicular axes relative to said first rotatable body member, and wherein said third rotatable body member is rotatable around two perpendicular axes relative to said first rotatable body member.

Embodiments of the present invention have solved the above-identified problems by providing a handheld electronic device comprising two portions with a hinge mechanism therebetween. The hinge mechanism functions such that the two portions can be articulated into a plurality of different relative configurations.

23. A handheld electronic device according to claim 21 or claim 22, wherein said third body member is detachably connected to said hinge.

24. A handheld electronic device according to any one of claims 18 to 23, wherein said handheld electronic device further comprises a connecting element for connecting the mobile phone to a stand.

25. A handheld electronic device according to any one of claims 18 to 24, wherein said handheld electronic device further comprises a connecting element for connecting the mobile phone to an armband.

26. A handheld electronic device according to any one of claims 18 to 25, wherein said handheld electronic device further comprises a connecting element for connecting the mobile phone to a necklace.

27. A handheld electronic device according to any one of claims 18 to 26, wherein the electronic device is at least one of a mobile gaming device, a mobile phone, a hand-held video recorder, an electronic note pad, an electronic book, a PDA, a calculator, a personal stereo and a dictaphone.

28. A handheld electronic device comprising a first rotatable body member, a second rotatable body member, a third rotatable body member and a handheld electronic device hinge, said handheld electronic device hinge being disposed between said first, second and third rotatable body members whereby said first, second and third rotatable body members are rotatable relative to each other wherein said first rotatable body member comprises a keypad, said second rotatable body member comprises a view screen and said third rotatable body member comprises a camera wherein said second rotatable body member is rotatable around two perpendicular axes relative to said first rotatable body member, and wherein said third rotatable body member is rotatable around two perpendicular axes relative to said first rotatable body member.